

# Discovering the Disciples Destiny



Discipleship for what's NEXT



# God gives meaning to life

**Table 24: Respondents' views of the statement "life is meaningful because God exists", by religious background**

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Religion (%)	Buddhism	4.4	19.6	31.8	33.3	11.0
	Taoism	3.4	20.6	36.8	34.8	4.4
	Islam	37.8	45.0	10.4	4.4	2.4
	Hinduism	6.0	48.0	23.0	17.0	6.0
	Catholicism	23.1	44.8	23.1	7.5	1.5
	Christianity	32.4	43.0	15.1	7.4	2.2
	No Religion	2.3	7.5	28.7	37.1	24.3



# God's purpose in you

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- **Proverbs 19:21** Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the **LORD's purpose that prevails**
- **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been **called according to his purpose.**
- **Phil. 2:12-13** continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is **God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.**



# Levels of life

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- Survival - They get by in life. They're not really living, they're just existing. They put in their time, punch the time clock and live for the weekends.
- Success - Focus is on paying off the mortgage or establishing a comfortable lifestyle.
- Significance. You know that there is meaning behind what's going on in your life.



# World's values – Pleasure, Possession, Pride

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- **1 John 2:15-16** 'Don't love the world's ways - the lust for physical **pleasure**, the ambition to **buy everything** that appeals to you and the **pride** that comes from wealth and importance ' these are not from God but from the world.' (LB)



# Transformed to embrace divine values

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- **Romans 12:2** 'Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.'





# Finding purpose in God

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- **Acts 17:28** For it is in Him that we live and move and have our being.
- **Eph 12:13** Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter:  
**Fear God and keep his commandments,** for this is the duty of all mankind.

Starting point for finding purpose in life is NOT a focus on us – our interests or desires.  
It is about what Jesus wants us to do.



# Purpose as children of God

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- **1 John 3:1-3** Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be **called children of God** ... Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure"





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- **Matthew 22:36** Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
  - **Eph 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them